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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 May 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1, 4, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. “Determining whether at least one part of the attribute information is completed to be acquired” is critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but not included in the claim(s) is not enabled by the disclosure. See *In re Mayhew*, 527 F.2d 1229, 188 USPQ 356 (CCPA 1976). As per the new amendment applicant’s recitation of “at least one part” is not included in the specification and therefore is not enabled by the disclosure.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1,4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As per claims 1,4 and 8 applicant recites “Determining whether at least one part of the attribute information is completed to be acquired”. It is not clear from the claim language how “one part of the attribute information” can be ready and other possible parts not ready.

Additionally when referring to attribute information using the word “complete” does not render the claim as definite and can be mistaken with attribute settings which is not claimed herewith.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1- 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Havekost et al, US Patent 5,768,119, hereinafter, Havekost.

As per claims 1,4,7, and 8 Havekost teaches an acquiring device that acquires, attribute information indicating attributes of said terminal device see for example column 27 lines 19- 27 through work stations 102, 104, 106 and figure 1c, and determines whether at least one part of the attribute information (I/O subsystem attribute) is completed to be acquired see for example communication of I/O subsystem attributes transmission in column 7 lines 19- 27; and a selection device that selects, based on the acquired attribute information, operation information that is appropriate for said terminal device from a plurality of types of operation information stored in a predetermined storage area see for example column 7 lines 35- 67 and column 8 lines 1- 30(through different controllers and CPUs) and columns 27- 28 (through different controllers

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and multiplexers); and a providing device that provides the selected operation information to said terminal device see for example column 19 lines 13- 40(through management subsystems) and column 22 lines 46- 65, and a program see for example column 7 lines 58- 65.

As per claims 2,5, and 9 Havekost teaches priority setting information to prompt a user of said terminal device to set the priority for each attribute see for example column 3 lines 45- 50.

As per claims 3,6 and 10 Havekost teaches acquiring only the attribute information that indicates said attribute having a high priority from said terminal device see for example 34 lines 5- 17.

As per claims 11- 13 Havekost teaches said attribute information indicating a plurality of attributes, a priority being set for each attribute, and said selection device selecting said operation information on the basis of said priority see for example column 34 lines 5- 17 wherein alarms is an indexed attribute, and wherein the index selects the Nth highest priority alarm in the consolidation.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 05/14/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Inquiry

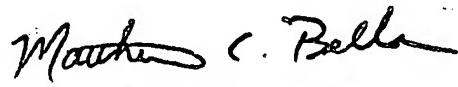
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mike Rahmjoo whose telephone number is (703) 305- 5658. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30- 3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (703) 308- 6829. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872- 9314 for regular communications and (703) 872- 9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305- 4750.

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